

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No: Not Yet Assigned (Continuation of International Application No. PCT/IB02/00179 filed January 22, 2002, claiming priority of French Appln. No. 0100973, filed January 23, 2001)

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For: **PART FOR SUPPORTING AND FIXING AN ELECTRICAL OR ELECTRONIC COMPONENT**

CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

A formal claim for the benefit of priority of the filing date of January 23, 2001 of prior French Patent Application No. 0100973, referred to in the Declaration and Power of Attorney document as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.63, is hereby requested for the above-identified application, which is being filed as a continuation of International Patent Application No. PCT/IB02/00179 filed January 22, 2002.

Acknowledgment of this Claim of Priority by the Examiner and/or the Office in the next official communication mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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